

**LIVING IN ROME**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Several civilizations and cultures have left an impressive collection of unique masterpieces of art and architecture in Italy. The goal of this course is to describe the evolution of culture and aesthetics and their immediate relationship with the production of these works.

The goal of this course is to give an introduction to the different ways of living in Rome from Ancient Times to nowadays. Specifically following the main historical periods it will focus on some topic events that have shaped the social features of the city. Divided in classes, each one includes a lecture and a site visit.

Program

This course is structured in several sections that cover the principle periods of the history of Rome. For each period, there will be a theoretical survey that deals with the specific characteristics of each phase in its historical and ideological development and in its relationship to the city of Rome and its way of living throughout the History.

TEXT

Articles and experts from following books:

- C. Hibbert, *Rome. The Biography of a City*, Penguin Books, 1985
- C. Brooke, *The Age of Cloister. The Story of Monastic Life in Middle Ages*, New York 2001
- A. Majanlathti, *The Families who made Rome*, London 2005
- Rudolph M. Bell, *Street Life in Renaissance Rome. A Brief History with Documents*, Boston-New York, 2013

FINAL EVALUATION IS BASED UPON:

- Attendance 20
- Final Exam (short essay question) 50
- Assignments 30

CLASSES AND SITE VISITS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, September 2**

Lecture: *Introduction to Roman History from the beginning to Contemporary Times*

**Tuesday, September 9**

Lecture: *Everyday life in Roman Times*

Site Visit: Roman Houses in Ss. Giovanni e Paolo

**Tuesday, September 16**

Lecture: *Everyday life in Early Christian Times*

Site Visit: St. Domitilla's Catacombs

**Tuesday, September 23**

Lecture: *The Citadel of the Laterano*

Site Visit: Sancta Sanctorum

**Tuesday, September 30**

Lecture: *Hermits, Convents and Monasteries*

Site Visit: Cloister and Monastery of Tor de' Specchi

**Tuesday, October 7**

Lecture: *The Villas of the Renaissance*

Site Visit: Villa Medici

**Thursday, October 14**

Lecture: *Life in Renaissance Rome I: the Popes and the Power*

Site Visit: Michelangelo's Moses and S. Pietro in Vincoli Church

**Tuesday, October 28**

Lecture: *Life in Renaissance Rome II: the Popes and the Power*

Site Visit: Palazzo della Cancelleria (Chancellery Palace) and its Undergrounds

**Tuesday, November 4**

Lecture: *Families who made Rome. The Borghese*

Site Visit: Galleria Borghese

**Tuesday, November 11**

Lecture: *Jewish in Rome*

Site Visit: The Ghetto

**Tuesday, November 18**

Lecture: *Palace of Power: Past and Present*

Site Visit: Villa Madama on Monte Mario (actual seat of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**Tuesday, November 25**

Lecture: *Rome and Cinema I*

Site Visit: Fondazione Tirelli – Costumes for Movies and Theatres

**Tuesday, December 2**

Lecture: *Rome and Cinema II*

Site Visit: Sorelle Fontana Atelier *or* Fondazione Cinecittà

**Tuesday, December 9**

Review

**Tuesday, December 16**

Exam